CONTINENTAL SEMINAR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA SEMINAR REPORT





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1. SUMMARY

Overview

- 1. The Continental Seminar for Infrastructure in Africa was hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union at the AUC Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1st to 4th October 2013. The meeting which took place under the auspices of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership was chaired by the Head of Delegation of the European Union to the African Union, Amb. Gary Quince and the Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission, Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa. The members of the European Commission headquarters, EU Delegations throughout Africa, bilateral and multilateral financing institutions, AUC, RECs and specialized sector organisations attended the meeting, comprising 125 participants. The seminar agenda is presented in Annex 1 and the full list of participants in annex 2.
 - European Union Delegations in Africa: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Cameroon, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Mozambique, DR Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia
 - European Commission headquarters (DEVCO C, C2, C3, C5, C8, D2, D3, E1, E2; DG CNECT D1, DG ENTR)
 - African Union Commission: Infrastructure and Energy Department
 - Bilateral and multilateral funding agencies: EIB, EIB/ITF, KfW, AfD, Simest, OeBE, **AfDB**
 - Regional economic communities: ECOWAS, COMESA, IGAD, SADC
 - Specialised institutions and organisations: SSATP, TMSA, AMCOW, IOC, EAPP, WAPP, ICA
 - EU Member states; Italy, Germany, Romania
- 2. The seminar was convened by the European Union with the objective of exchanging views, information and experience for development of regional infrastructure in the energy, transport, water and ICT sectors. The seminar also aimed at the pre-identification of regional and continental programs to match EU policies with African needs and priorities.

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- 3. The seminar provided the EU and AU with the opportunity to brief the participants on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and PIDA Priority Action Plan (PAP) programme, the priority programmes of the regional economic communities, the blending facilities of the Infrastructure Trust Fund, the approach and programmes of key development banks, sector case studies and lessons learnt analysis and transport sector governance and corridor management.
- 4. The seminar comprised plenary sessions with active discussion on initiatives and constraints for regional infrastructure development. Lively debate allowed full discussion and analysis of development policies on the EU and AU side and latest initiatives for project preparation and funding, implementation and sector governance. Working groups were then held in the transport and energy sectors to discuss infrastructure investment and related governance issues. These groups allowed an open exchange on regional strategies and priorities, funding possibilities and pre-identification of policies and actions, notably for

blended finance. Presentations in plenary sessions are included in Annex 3; pre-identified project list in Annex 4 and photographs in Annex 5.

5. The seminar's participants had a thorough exchange of views on the different aspects of infrastructure development and on ways and means to ensure earliest implementation of regional priority programmes. In this context, actions and initiatives were defined to actively pursue the preparation and funding of regional infrastructure in Africa, in partnership with African stakeholders.

Outcomes

- 6. The European Union institutions confirmed their commitment to these objectives through the following actions and initiatives:
 - Actively seek **funding** of regional level projects, following PIDA-PAP orientations
 - Target use of **blending** of grant funds with public and private loans, to ensure maximum leverage
 - Accelerate process to start producing deliverables for the Sustainable Energy for All programme (SE4AII)
 - Ensure value for money by developing innovative procurement systems for major infrastructure projects
 - Pursue identification of priority projects for funding in collaboration with AUC, RECs, national governments and funding partners by exploring the possibility of establishing project preparation facility
 - Expand coordination and dissemination of activities of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund and other EU regional funding instruments, notably with funding agencies,
 - Support to an integrated capacity building approach to implementing bodies of the regional programme
 - EC support to infrastructure regional programmes, focusing on strategic infrastructure investments and sector governance reforms
- 7. The African Union confirmed their commitment to their key role of political advocacy in pursing the infrastructure development on the continent through the PIDA programme.
- 8. The seminar stressed the importance of a coordinated approach to development, between continental and regional actors, development partners and funding banks and the need for increased cooperation for more integrated and effective preparation and funding of regional infrastructure.
- 9. Finally, the seminar enabled preliminary discussions in preparation for the forthcoming EU-Africa Summit in April 2014 and associated revision of the Joint Africa-Europe Strategy for Infrastructure and Energy.

Detailed minutes of meeting are included hereafter, concluded by a proposed roadmap for future actions. An EU communique for seminar outcomes is presented in Annex 6.

Preparations for future meeting

A questionnaire was completed by participants at the end of the seminar; results are indicated in annex 7. Feedback indicated that the seminar was well appreciated and generally responded to needs and expectations of participants. Key comments for organization of future meetings were to reduce presentation times in favour of debate/working groups and to provide more guidance/preparation on energy sector

2. **SEMINAR OBJECTIVES**

		Addres	sed in:
Main Objective	Specific Objective	Plenary	Working
		session	groups
	IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE		
Internally exchange views, information and experience, in order to improve knowledge and increase EU Delegation working capabilities in the three sectors	EU participants updated on "lessons learnt" from regional (and national) programming exercise, EDF11 regional and other thematic/geographic support and their focus and challenges; practical experiences in the infrastructure sectors shared amongst EU Delegations throughout Africa (all regions are invited: Northern, Western, Central, Eastern and Southern Africa)	٧	
	Consolidate experiences by exchanging with colleagues from other Delegation on specific issues;	٧	
	Better knowledge of the role of EFIs/IFIs and their views and actions on continental and regional priorities	٧	٧
	Better knowledge of financing partners on the infrastructure sector (vision, priorities, lessons learnt, etc.);	٧	٧
	Better knowledge and experience about financing instruments disseminated such as loan/grant blending and its mechanism, PPPs, etc	٧	
	Better understand and apply/use EC innovative (new) financing tools (blending mechanisms, PPP, etc.) and investment facilities;	٧	
	Full awareness created that sector governance at regional level requires a more complex approach to address the various political, strategic and operational issues at stake	٧	٧

	PRE-IDENTIFICATION OF REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL PROGRAMMES		
Facilitate a coherent and coordinated	Better understand the infrastructure context in Africa (main sector governance		
pre-identification of regional and	schemes, sector policies, strategic frameworks, etc.) from a regional and continental	٧	
continental programmes in the	perspective		
Infrastructure sectors Energy,	Be aware of major infrastructure policies and strategies of DEVCO on three sectors,	V	
Transport, Water and ICT trying to	with a particular attention given to regional and continental perspective;	V	
match EU priorities with African	Clearly understand how infrastructure (all sectors: transport, energy, water and ICT)		
needs and priorities	can have a direct impact on development through EC new approaches (Agenda for	٧	
	Change, etc.);		
	Better knowledge on strategic infrastructure development for Africa disseminated	,	
	by AUC and respective RECs, with a particular reference to PIDA	٧	
	Be aware of major African infrastructure policies (namely PIDA-PAP and IAIDA), their	-1	
	challenges and EU responses;	٧	
	Discuss and pre-identify possible interventions for EDF 11 regional: potential		
	investment supports (e.g. corridor interventions) and sector governance projects	V	
	(policy reforms, regulatory frameworks, harmonisation of standards, legal issues,		
	etc.)		
	Have an overview of potential regional priority interventions (hard/soft) for future	V	
	EU funding	V	
	Be able to identify potential EC and no-EC partners in the infrastructure sector and		
	in their specific region and at continental level to increase coordination,	٧	V
	complementarity and coherence		
	Thrust created for the development of a subsequent DEVCO position paper and	V	٧
	"Road Map" for formulation and implementation of pre-selected interventions	v	v

3. MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, 01 October 2013

Opening of CSIA Seminar

Presenter	Remarks
Opening remarks, by Gary Quince	Welcome of participants.
(HoD Ethiopia)	The key challenge for Africa is employment for rising population – continued economic growth needs
	infrastructure
	Seminar timed to discuss identification of actions in EU regional programmes and work towards EU-Africa
	summit in April 2014.
Opening remarks, by Aboubacar	Welcome and appreciation of the initiative of the EU Delegation to AU to bring together for the first time all
Babamoussa (Director, Infrastructure	infrastructure experts from EU delegations to brainstorm on Africa's infrastructure development, which should
and Energy, African Union	build on solid cooperation tools under EU-Africa Partnership for Infrastructure and on EU-Africa Energy
Commission)	Partnership.
	This seminar comes at a time when:
	- Economic activity has shown sustained growth over the past 10 years
	- Implementation of EU-Africa Strategic Partnership since 2007 enters is being redynamised
	- AUC Strategic plan 2014-2018 has been adopted and serves as reference framework
	- Adoption of Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), developed jointly with NEPAD-NPCA,
	AfDB in collaboration with RECs with capital costs of US\$360 million to 2040, of which US\$ 68 million for the
	Priority Action Plan for 2020, 95% of which in Energy and Transport sectors.
	PIDA implementation shall require blending of funding from several sources, including ODA, bilateral and
	multilateral agencies, partnerships with new emerging economies, private sector and mobilization of African
	domestic resources. Need to develop use of risk mitigation instruments, such as geothermal programme in East
	Africa.
	Africa today facing main challenge of implementation. How do we fast-track implementation?

	1. Need to boost NEPAD-IPPF (Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility)
	2. AfDB Africa 50 Fund for domestic funding – good AfDB initiative, but needs support to make it happen
	What are expectations of AUC for implementation:
	1. Governance, maintenance of infrastructures
	2. Resolve administrative, technical blockages to implementation
	3. Reinforcement of institutional capacity
	4. Ensure resources for project preparation
	We need to ensure an efficient implementation of the PIDA program
Opening of the Seminar, by Roberto	Welcome to infrastructure seminar
Ridolfi (Director DEVCO C)	This seminar is timed to support the planning of our thematic EU funding instruments and is aimed at continuing
	our honest dialogue on concessional and non-concessional loans.
	Infrastructure is responsible for more than half of Africa's improved growth performance and has the potential
	to contribute even more. In particular the energy sector offers potential for strong economic benefits. Our
	approach is based on Value for Money, through transparent public procurement and free competition and
	through leveraging of precious public money for increased investment.
	We are aware that infrastructure needs cannot be provided by public funds alone, especially in current financial
	crisis and innovative ways to finance infrastructure development are needed. Key focus shall be blending grants
	with loans and to attract the private sector, using private finance approach. Grants shall only to be used where
	necessary to address market inefficiencies, provide risk mitigation and make financially unviable projects
	possible.
	The role of the EU shall be as honest broker to promote actions and seek support of others, applying the
	principles of subsidiarity, complementarity and solidarity.
	African leadership is key for establishment of reliable business environment and addressing of sector reforms:
	we need strong AUC involvement.
	PIDA shall be the guide for strategic planning of infrastructure development and to promote better integration
	of Africa into world economy.
	This seminar allows a unique chance to bring African partners, financing institutions, DEVCO services and almost
	all EU delegations together for strategic dialogue and coordination in energy, water, transport and ICT. It aims to
	guide and orientate our future infrastructure agenda for delivery of the best suited response strategy at
	continental and regional levels.
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Presentations and Q+A Sessions:

PIDA Africa's Time for Action: Interconnecting, Integrating, and Transforming a Continent

PPT presentation n°2-1

Maurice Niaty-Mouamba (AUC)

PIDA harmonises many initiatives into one infrastructure programme, based on REC infrastructure (transport, energy, ICT, transboundary water) master plans. PIDA is:

- 1. African-led programme up to 2040 with a Priority Action Plan (2012-2020) of 51 projects/programmes of about US\$68 billion.
- Addresses soft governance issues, eg standardization of road transport standards
- Has strong political commitment
- Advocates for strong partnerships, eg World Economic forum

Next steps comprise:

- Implementing quick wins- support project preparation
- Capacity building initial support of GiZ, AfDB for AUC, NPCA and RECs
- Resource mobilization strategy many initiatives, such as Africa 50 Fund; need to build up, as well as NEPAD-IPPF to be strengthened
- Mobilise finance for project delivery
- 5. Monitor progress and report on delivery

ECOWAS Regional Networks and Sector Governance Challenges

PPT presentation n°2-2

David Kamara, Director – Transport and Telecoms

Inadequate provisions for infrastructure at national level.

Capacities to develop projects and implement is a problem. Inefficient management structures and discordant frameworks; needs TA to be able to follow procurement procedures. Main problem is that regional dimension is not usually considered at national level.

Capacity for project preparation at RECs could be allow faster roll-out. 3 specific institutions in energy sector: West African Power Pool, Regulatory Authority, Energy Access (rural)

Critical success factors:

- 1. Tax raising by member states
- Procurement process
- Ownership of member states
- 4. Funding, funding, funding

IGAD Regional Transport and ICT Policies

PPT presentation n°2-3

Azhari Karim (IGAD)

Overview of regional transport and ICT programmes. Policy objectives; creation of regional enabling environment, resource mobilization, monitoring

and evaluation.

COMESA Priority Investment Plan

PPT presentation n°2-4

Abu S.E. Dafalla, COMESA Secretariat

Main needed investment sectors: power generation and rail (recent meeting for standard gauge railway from Mombasa-Kigali.

Funding: Assessing possibility of railway infrastructure bonds

Capacity Building to Roll out PIDA

PPT presentation n°2-5

Ralph Olaye, AfDB,

Capacity building crucial! AfDB supporting the new institutional implementation architecture under PIDA; continued support to REC Intervention from GiZ (AfDB supported risk mitigation instrument)

: 51 PIDA-PAP projects split into 433 projects for implementation.

- 1. Transboundary infrastructure is champions league game need champions league players.*
- 2. Need project implementation units between countries for all implementation issues (legal/standards etc), coordination not enough.
- 3. Raise enough funds for project implementation (2-3B\$ just for feasibility studies) until 2020.

Comment of Roberto Ridolfi

RECs have similar needs and constraints. Notes that coverage of RECs is overlapping – some redefinition of coverage would help streamlining work Domestic mobilization: Infrastructure Bonds - Eurobonds - can be solution (eg Rwanda), as well as project financing - blending Need to find solutions to trans-boundary problems; ensure capacity at national level, where blockages often occur => EU policy is that of subsidiarity for one country to take leadership and determine regional/local level of implementation.

Q+A Session

Question	Response	Action
Often regional projects are sum of national	EU Delegations need to reinforce the message that states should	
projects; but regional priorities not often	respect continental and regional priorities (eg Abidjan-Lagos	
national priorities.	road)	
PIDA is based on economic development;	PIDA is to stimulate African market; potential of African	
need to consider unstable zones => peace and	economies, and ensuing peace and security, will only come	
security.	through inter-connection. Macro-level planning is not the level	
	for addressing unstable zones. Misery is the terrain for instability;	
	sustainable economic activity provides each citizen with other	
	options and removes scope for agents for instability.	
In 11 th EDF, we will have blending. What is	AUC: We need to lead countries into a coherent strategy through	Continued political advocacy of

AUC agenda to ensure that investments which	PIDA. Regulatory conditions need to be established.	AUC
are made are well maintained?	Conditionality needs to applied together: what are resources to	
	ensure maintenance => if economically beneficial, maintenance is	
	a question of governance	
	EU: Maintenance budgets are national budgets – conditionality	
	needed, but 40 years of EU action has not provided sufficient	
	results; need concerted and effective action from AU and REC.	
	AfDB; Difficult to enter into national budget planning. However,	
	sharing of information could be effective for "name and shame"	
	actions, eg based on data provided through African Infrastructure	
	Knowledge Programme (previously AICD).	
Energy: Implementation the 'Barroso pledge': h	elping to provide access to energy to 500 million people by 2030	Oral presentation
Georgios Pantoulis (DEVCO C/5)		

Barroso pledge: access to 500M people; challenge is to meet this pledge.

Tools for energy funding: 65M€ TA + blending 400M€ (329M€ through ITF + 50M€ for high-risk projects + 20M€ Zeref SME renewable energy) + 55M€ non-bankable projects (<=75% funding mainly rural electrification), plus possible additional 30M€ from WAPP funds

6.30pm Closure of Day's Proceedings

Wednesday, 02 October 2013

9.15 Start of proceedings

Added value of blending approach		PPT presentation n°3-1
Céline Maertens (DEVCO C/3)		
Principles of blending and case studies		
Question	Response	Action
What is the additionality? Whether project	The guiding principle is that the grant has an added value that	
can go on without grant, and how to	can take different forms:	
determine eligible grant amount.	 Enabling (necessity of funding for deal to go through) Expand outreach of project – access to services Better quality project - environmental and social standards (eg rural electrification). Decisions based on availability of funds, justification as provision of public good Balanced structured funds (grant as first-loss guarantee); product pricing can produce benchmark, but often price not available. Peer-review mechanism applies rational guidelines, no analytical 	
	tool. We are working with our IFI partners to further improve the	
	justification of additionality	
 Procedure for identification – which body? Role of regional and continental financing institutions, are SMEs from African, EU countries involved? – capacity building Rural electrification – important to stimulate development. Are they going to be on bilateral, national or regional level? 	 financial institution (lead) and EU Delegations with partner counties and regional organisations Strategic body co-chaired by African Union. In past, resources from Intra-ACP envelope. For future, expect regional envelopes to be main source of financing, will have to review regional involvement. SME involvement at project level (eg Africa Energy Facility –banks benefit from guarantee mechanism to extend 	
on shacetary national of regional level.	loans to local SMES);. 3. Rural electrification: Latest allocation to ITF can support	

	projects at national level (SE4AII) and projects with regional	
	impact –to be expanded in future	
50% of 11 th EDF funds earmarked for	We can discuss possibilities. As an example, the GEEREF blending	
infrastructure projects. How is blending done	mechanism exists and is a fund of funds. EC invests in mother	
within 11 th EDF. Can we blend together with	funds, which then invests sub-funds which in turn invest in equity	
COMESA Infra Funds, private equity funds?	in EE or RE projects. Are open to discuss with other funds.	
Instrument appears catalytic. Is there any	Average grant size 5-20M€ (max 30-40M€, low of 1M€); no	
ceiling for grants, or project-by-project?	formal ceiling.	
Wrt involvement of RECs, we tried to assess		
credit enhancement mechanisms to allow		
local regional funds (working group at EAC for		
Infrastructure Fund). Guarantee schemes		
(first loss) could give bigger leverage for		
other regional funds, private banks;		
particularly for sectors not generating		
revenue		
1. With blending, multiplicity of lenders – will	1. Requirement for financial regulation; when under indirect	
there be requirement for pillar (mandatory)	management – pillar assessments are maintained	
assessments as for other funding to RECs?	2. Projects will follow strategic priorities defined within the	
2. Would projects be designed within RIP or	source of financing (NIP, RIP)	
outside?		
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Comment of Aboubacar Babamoussa (Director African Union Commission). Comments show that we have instruments, but they are not known enough in the regions. Recommend that work by region is essential – involving RECs and regional financing institutions.

Project Cycle and Bankability of Infrastructure Projects

PPT presentation n°3-2

Heike Rüttgers (Director EIB)

EIB procedures and funding modalities.

Financial contribution can be lower from public sector than from private sector. New window in ITF for national projects under SE4All. Grant component may only be 5% but often critical to make project happen. Interest rate subsidies mainly for public financed projects; difficult in private finance, so as not make market distortions. Procurement rules; previously EU+ACP, now broadened to international firms

Question	Response	Action
Are there countries where blending is	Projects can be difficult, but we try to find solution. For example:	
impossible?	Seychelles submarine cable. Country just out of default situation;	
	35M\$ was a big investment for 90,000 people; for gap in	
	financing plan (after EIB, AfDB loans), interest rate subsidy	
	couldn't work, so investment grant provided through ITF: grant	
	was justified to make the project happen plus additional impact	
	through ensuring free internet access to schools and hospitals)	
	There are difficult countries; parties withdraw from funding;	
	which is why blending is useful. Flexible and Innovative	
	approaches can produce solutions.	
SADC Development Fund – initiatives shared	Seek lean structure; simplest procedures possible. Spend funds	
at different RECs. Provision of Guarantee to	on projects rather than bureaucracy.	
IFIs (instead of sovereign guarantees). How to		
operationalize?		
Cooperation will develop ("we are cousins but	EIB operational guidelines include that each EIB delegation	
will become brothers"). Relationship between	passes at EU Del at least once per mission to review ongoing and	
EC and EIB are very different across countries.	potential projects, status. Otherwise, meetings at HoDs at	
What can EU Delegations do for better	Brussels; recently EIB workshop in the context of the regional	
cooperation?	programming. EIB presence in the field (currently regional offices	
	in Nairobi, Pretoria, and Dakar) shall be increased through	
	additional EIB staff in EU Del. Initially 5 additional EIB	
	representatives planned (Abidjan, Lusaka, Addis Ababa, Maputo,	
	and Yaoundé).	
Initial idea was for blending grants and loans.	ITF has been characterised as a very good project preparation	
Actually, have huge lists of projects but	facility;	
relatively few bankable projects. What money	The EIB disposes of its own subsidy envelope of which up to	
is available for project preparation?	15% of its funds (400M€ under 10 th EDF; 634M€ under 11 th EDF)	
	can be used for TA, including project preparation.	

Ruzizi – always problem with quality of	EIB recommends that contact is taken with IFIs at earliest	
studies (e.g. geotechnical studies). How to	possible stage; intervene in project preparation, including	
avoid delays in obtaining IFI validation of	definition of TORs – so EIB criteria can be taken into account.	
preparatory studies and avoid delay?		
Procurement:	1. MRI with AFD and KfW was a long process (2 years pilot phase	
1. Need to bring more and more financiers.	with 12 projects) leading to current operating mechanism, which	
How to relate to procurement procedures of	does show efficiency. We have intention to consider similar	
other institutions? Are you willing to extend	partnerships with other partners (African Financing Partnership –	
mutual reliance to other IFIs	harmonization of approaches, better coordination). Long process	
2. How do we treat concessions? Contracts	but worthwhile	
may be awarded uncompetitively; cancelled	2. Rely on private sector to optimize investment; need to ensure	
by politicians later	competition in the award process	
Timing to prepare project (21-30 months	Yes, we need to contribute, especially in the field	
when ready). But time to make projects ready		
adds many more years. Plea to EIB for project		
preparation requirements, as KEY element of		
getting projects into pipeline		
Comment of Aboubacar Babamoussa (Director	African Union Commission). Stress importance to produce actions.	Context is evolving with initiatives in
regions. Need to clear strategy for project prep	aration and capacity reinforcement.	
Development Banks approach towards strateg	ic infrastructure development PPT	presentation n°3-3,4,5,5A
Ralph Olayé (AfDB), Rima Le Coguic (AFD), Ame	lie D'Souza (KFW), Alberto Castronovo (Simest)	
Lending strategy including blending, funding pro	ocedures, inter-IFI coordination, project cases	
AfDB. Private sector lending: without guarantee	e, spreads up to 6-8%. Regional project incentives under discussions	
Panel Q&A – AfDB, AFD, KFW, Simest		
Question	Response	Action
KfW. What kind of risk guarantee for FiT?	Developed in collaboration with World Bank. Driving party of Get	
	Fit is regulator; EU delegation involved from start – clearance in	
	principle by ITF, hope for EU funding by end 2013. Other partners	
	– UK, Norway	
AfDB. SE4All hubs. How will coordination	Mandate from Conference of Energy Ministers, hosted by AfDB in	

work; mandate?	partnership with AUC, NPCA and UNDP. Hub is to ensure African	
	ownership and to coordinate the implementation of the Initiative	
	in Africa in close collaboration with the Global Facilitation Team,	
	Vienna and other SE4All partners (incl EC, recognized under	
	SE4All initiative as one of three regional Hubs.	
	42 African countries joined the initiative, but SE4All needs to	
	demonstrate quickly that it can make a difference, mainly	
	through PPP. Need to ensure complementarity on IFI side – the	
	Africa Hub will host a SE4AllI partners meeting at the end of 2013	
	to coordinate actions.	
Comment (Director, Energy Department, AUC)		
SE4All Africa Hub Secretariat hosted by AfDB wi	th an oversight and operations committee (AUC, AfDB, NEPAD,	
UNDP, 1xREC rotating – ECOWAS initially). Obje	ctives are fully in line with EU-Africa Energy Partnership – to work	
in synergy with SE4AII.		
Open question: How to address project	AfD: importance to cooperate with financiers at the early stage of	
preparation gap; new funding instruments are	project preparation. Development banks need to ensure that all	
being prepared but how to ensure study	due diligences (institutional, technical (cost and technical	
quality.	optimization), safeguard studies, financial study) are made along	
What are initiatives to respond to already	international standards and that investments are economically	
identified problems.	justified. For some significant regional projects (important CAPEX,	
	PPP structuring, etc.), that need important amount for project	
	preparation, the existing project preparation facilities are not	
	enough to finance project preparation.	
	AfDB: Project preparation is a wide termeg NEPAD-IPPF is at	
	early stage; ITF later stages. ICA has assessment of all project	
	facilities, 16 operational. Funds are lacking, but enough vehicles	
	exist.	
	KfW. EU-ITF largest project preparation facility. There is a need to	
	assess whether these vehicles may be bundled.	
Open question: Financing needs coordination	EU: Presentations to be put onto EU-Africa Partnership website	
for customers (public, private). Is there one-	AfDB: Tool – project preparation fund finder (one-stop-shop). In	

stop-shot to get information about financing	each country, usually a donor platform leader per county (refer	
mechanisms?	EU delegates).	
What are sectoral institutional conditions	AfDB: Conditionality is past debate. Use projects to engage	
imposed with lending (e.g. tariff reform); any	dialogue and introduce reforms – policy of advancing in small	
blending possible in fragile states? EU	steps. Parallel implementation is important, local engagement to	
delegation presence fundamental for sector	reform is crucial; need for carrot to motivate reforms which can	
policy.	be painful.	
	KfW: only grants in fragile states; cannot force reform with loan	
	contract. Reforms to be supported in parallel on long term basis.	
	AfD: depends on loan on lent conditions: if sovereign guarantee	
	and the on lent from the ministry to the energy company is unde	r
	grant, little condition. If the on lent is under loan or if non-	
	sovereign loan to energy company, require due diligence, tariff	
	policy, capacity strengthening. In all cases, discussion on sector	
	reform is necessary, but not necessary through conditionality.	
Closing remarks of morning sessions – Aboubac	car Babamoussa (Director African Union Commission). Efforts need	ed for better coherence. Countries
must commit to implement. Critical issue is pro	ject preparation. If we make effort, we can make projects bankable	e and feed the business.
	LUNCH	
African priorities for water and sanitation		PPT presentation n°3-6
Bai Mass Taal (Executive Secretary AMCOW)		
Background, key considerations, AMCOW prior	ities 2014-16	
Question	Response	Action
Water supply and sanitation – decentralized	Large need to train capacity in water and sanitation in rural	
Water supply and sanitation – decentralized to local authorities; associations. Any ability	Large need to train capacity in water and sanitation in rural areas. AMCOW achieves this through work with Secretariat.	
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to local authorities; associations. Any ability	, ,	
to local authorities; associations. Any ability to strengthen local capacities?	areas. AMCOW achieves this through work with Secretariat.	
to local authorities; associations. Any ability to strengthen local capacities? How do you see role of private sector in	areas. AMCOW achieves this through work with Secretariat. Private sector wants big projects; no interest in rural water	
to local authorities; associations. Any ability to strengthen local capacities? How do you see role of private sector in	areas. AMCOW achieves this through work with Secretariat. Private sector wants big projects; no interest in rural water supply. AMCOW works with small operators working with	

	Need to establish water as a priority at policy level.	
In Nigeria, common practice is indiscriminate	AMCOW works with civil society to bring awareness. Policies exist	
boreholes. What does AMCOW do to	but are not enforced. AMCOW has ministerial level meeting to	
communicate on potential dangers of	sign up to commitments and check on their progress	
polluted groundwater		
Water - Case Study on Lake Victoria		PPT presentation n°3-7
Giorgio Ficconelli, Head of EU Delegation, Ugan	da	
An example of blending in the water sector – in	stitutional set-up, packaging, funding setup and lessons learnt	
Question	Response	Action
How does project improve water quality?	Source of water was close to wastewater, expensive to treat.	
	Now looking at a cleaner part of lake: new treatment plant will	
	improve water quality.	
Steering committee for monitoring?	Agreed to have blended steering committee at local level	
	(partner countries, water company, 3 IFI, EU delegation, MoF)	
EU delegation involvement is only through	Participating in DP group - water, project visits – but leaving	
steering committee?	hands-on management to lead donor.	
Since not many trans-boundary water	Two follow-on projects in Kenya, Tanzania. Aim to have capacity	
projects [under regional priorities in Africa], is	building of water authorities.	
it planned to have lessons learned process to		
assist identification of other projects?		
Energy – case study		PPT presentation (no file)
Lennart Deridder (Devco C/5)		
The example of the European Union energy ma	rket creation in the 80 th	
Question	Response	Action
Build closely with WAPP to build West African	In EU, majority of power pools gained maturity in last 20 years;	
energy market. How do we benefit from EU	high capacity within EU. We can structure elements for TA to	
experience?	benefit from available expertise.	
Key particularity is off-grid (solar, wind,	Different thematic altogether; answer depends on local	
hydro)	conditions. Costs of achieving access rate will be huge.	

ICT - Case Studies on HIPSSA and AfricaConne	^ +	PPT presentation n°3-8
Africa?		
renewable energy. What are impacts for	because sometimes it is simply financially sound.	
cheapest form and those who support	climate perspective, but also in light of energy security and even	
Debate between competitive energy – defend	Renewable energy is clearly the preferred option; not only from a	
interesting to bring to fore in African context?		
East Community. Would that not be		
EU has several interesting experiences, South	We have experience in trying to link up systems, energy markets.	
schemas to achieve improved governance?	revenue assurances/guarantees.	
policy and governance is key issue. What are	For energy sector, lending bank/private sector shall require	
great difficulty in obtaining payments – tariff	essential to take account local issues – need integrated approach.	
As in other sectors, electricity operators have	Electricity policy often used as social policy. Local dialogue is	

ICT – Case Studies on HIPSSA and AfricaConnect

PPT presentation n°3-8

Vlassios Venner (CNECT D/1)

The three EU priorities for MFF 2014-2020

Question	Response	Action
ICT is very innovative; development of	EU external development aid actions are not intended to solve all	Ensure effective coordination of
technology has impact on policy, regulatory	problems.	connectivity policy and actions
framework.	Key word is harmonization with EU/internationally accepted	with RECs and AUC.
How do you deal with cyber security, as	standards of ICT policies and enabling regulatory frameworks	
several countries not yet protected?	governing important facets of e-communications like cyber-	
How is calculated the contribution of ICT to	security; know-how transfer between the EU and Africa, between	
GDP? Need to build country capacity to open	more advanced and less advanced African States.	
sector to competition.	For the calculation of ICT contribution to GDP, reference is made	
Insufficient funds at national level, most	to econometric methods used by international organizations like	
through regional funds (submarine cables not	the World Bank, OECD.	
enough for ICT connectivity); need projects	The development/harmonization of appropriate ICT policies and	
for national connectivity.	regulatory environments is exactly intended for building country	
	capacity and opening sector to competition.	
	Overall connectivity policy should be at continental level,	
	coordinated between RECs and AUC to counterbalance the lack	

6.30pm Closure of Day's Proceedings		
No questions		
Question	Response	Action
Scale of planned investments: 3000 antenna	s across Africa connected by fiber-optic networks, total traffic 10x curr	ent global internet traffic
Dr. Val Munsami, Chair, AUC Space Working	Group	
Draft African Space Policy		PPT presentation n°3-10
No questions		
Question	Response	Action
Egnos principles, applications, preliminary ad	tivities, financing scheme	
Stefano Scarda (ENTR H/3),		
Space – Case Study on Galileo/EGNOS; Dra	PPT presentation n°3-9	
	CSPs and RSPs to address local needs.	
	RECs (and with EC) for pointed definition of actions within NIPs,	strategies
proposed action lines feed into 11 th EDF.	would need feedback of and/or coordination between AUC and	programme development/funding
Strategy in line with AUC but unclear how	Strategy is based on pan-African programme level. At REC level,	Use of regional seminars for
	area.	
	impact of the EU development funds disbursed to Africa in this	
	of insufficient funds/projects at national level and maximize the	

Thursday, 03 October 2013

9.15 Start of proceedings

Trade facilitation, border posts and axle load	PPT presentation n°'4-1	
Mark Pearson (TMSA)		
Function of Trademark South Africa Programm	e, priority projects, project preparation activities, transport and tra	ansit corridors, value chain.
Question	Response	Action
No mention of needs of island states	SW Indian Ocean maritime corridor – decision taken at tripartite	2
	level – Scoping Study done and there is a need to do the design.	
	(Based on MoS and SSS principles).	
What criteria used for comparison between	Railways are more suited for minerals, heavy goods, dangerous	
railway and highway?	goods	
Other corridors lacking for Cape-Cairo road,	Other initiatives are not covered by presentation but are	
connecting N-S corridor, to put on map,	considered under the project.	
supported by AfDB		
Axle load control: case studies, lessons learne	d and guidelines	PPT presentation n°'4-2A, B
Jean-Noel Guillousou, Mike Pinard (SSATP)		
Aim is to strike a balance between competing i	interests of operators and infrastructure providers of right level of	regulation to ensure efficient transport
costs. Unless we enforce axle load controls, we	e are wasting our investments.	
EAC transport act provides strong background	for control and donor investment. SADC and COMESA are planning	g similar acts in their zone.
Question	Response	Action
Fundamental aspect: political discussion	Absolutely necessary. For EAC study, special session held for EAC	С
about regulations- norms. Needs push at	Committee of Ministers for buy-in for overload control and to	
political level.	approve the bill. No enforcement without political support.	
	However, also need to involve transporters – at least to	
	understand reason for controls	
Political support is very needed, due to big	Agreed. Naming and shaming commonly done in South Africa.	
lobbies. Civil society could be mobilized to	Economic fines should be distance related, so easily understood	

monitor overloading	and applicable and act as a proper deterrent	
1. Quick win: ports, overloading always start	1. Strategic positioning of weighbridges must include ports.	
from there => containerization, sealing	2. Off-loading built into regulations – fine + off-load; for awkward	
2. Off-loading (délestage) principle – more	loads which cannot be offloaded (milk, petrol) – they can proceed	
effective than fines. Owner has to bring	at 4x fee	
second truck to offload his goods at		
weighbridge		
Self-regulation for axle-load control (eg South	Self-regulation – Australia, Europe, South Africa. Nothing outside	
Africa). Any interesting examples of self-	of RSA in Africa, but potential is great. Proposal for pilot scale	
regulation in Africa outside of RSA?	self-regulation project.	
Outsourcing of operations at weighbridge	Out-sourcing: role of road agency is strategic management.	
stations – still need to ensure enforcement	Operation and management. Provision from government.	
Have any funding organisations provided	Enforcement by police still necessary.	
support for self-regulation?	TMSA: Sugar and timber industries are self-regulated in zone of	
	East, Southern Africa. Limited component of N-S corridor.	
	Challenge is to ensure necessary advantages for transporters and	
	for authorities; based on RSA.	
Economic arguments have given little results	Yes, so many accidents through overloading. But difficult in	
for axle-load control. Could exploit more the	finding responsible body.	
link with road safety, through appropriate		
communication		
Most discussion on East and Southern Africa.	Containers. Problem is reduction of payload due to container	
How can Western Africa (e.g. ECOWAS)	weight plus high number of empty trucks at export	
approach situation, given transport system is		
not so organized.		
Axle load control at EAC level		PPT presentation n°'4-3
Adam Grodzicki (EUD in Tanzania)		
Need for harmonisation of vehicle overload co	ntrol, harmonization framework, EU response	
Question	Response	Action
No time for questions		

Ouverture des marchés de transport à la con	currence en Mauritanie	PPT presentation n°'4-4
Michel Laloge (EUD in Mauritania)		
Reform of transport sector to competitive ma	rket: nature of reforms and impacts (previous monopoly of National T	ransport Bureau)
Question	Response	Action
No time for questions		
Observatoire des pratiques anormales en Afr	ique de l'Ouest	PPT presentation n°'4-5
Marc Stalmans (DEVCO C/6)		
Outline of role and results of West African Tra	nsport Observatory and presentation of indicators (numbers of contro	ol points, control time, informal
payments), due to receive funding assistance	from EU 10 th EDF.	
Question	Response	Action
Do we not lose independence in passing	OPA has always been in ECOWAS. Role of RECs is to manage	
Transport Observatory (OPA) though	transport regulation; OPA will support them in their regional role.	
ECOWAS?		
Transport – Investment in focus		PPT presentation n°'4-6
John Donovan (TMSA)		
North-South Corridor networks: status, traffic	, Chirundu one-stop border post drive-through, investment programm	ne
Question	Response	Action
TMSA does not include Mozambique; TMSA	TMSA brief is for the North-South corridor; however, we are	
network is only part of regional network.	carrying out an exercise to identify the total quantum of freight	
	which can be allocated to corridors (road/rail, east/west).	
	Currently Cuchamano to Zobue in Mozambique is included in	
	network.	
1. SADC regional trunk road network-	1. New roads recently constructed in Tanzania, Zambia and	
harmonized standards were produced (7m	Botswana follow SADC regional trunk road standard (7m	
carriageway)	carriageway); all new designs will follow this standard. Many	
2. Are other harmonized standards being	links of the existing road network not yet addressed are too	
adopted (e.g. road signs)	narrow.	
3. What provisions for maintenance, given	2. Yes; SADC specifications and SADC road design are included in	
poor record in the region (e.g. road funds)	standard tender documents.	
	3. The conditions precedent included in the grant agreements	

Introduction to the transport working gro Paolo Ciccarelli (HoU Devco C/6)	ups under the Transport Side Event	PPT presentation n°'4-8
	LUNCH	
	2 EU were lower than Chinese contractors)	
	came to compulsory site visit => 11 tenders submitted , of which	
	Great East Road into one tender produced good interest (25	
	(only 2 - 3 tenders submitted). Combining the 3 lots for the	
Can you explain choice of packaging?	Earlier works tenders in Zambia used to have low responses	
Question	Response	Action
Blending for road construction; lessons lea	rnt	
Sigvard Bjork (EUD in Zambia)		
Case study on corridor investment: the Gr	PPT presentation n°'4-7	
	network	
	including exploring earmarking of funds for regional roads/TAH	
	notably proposal for West Africa. Possibly, AUC could play role,	
	explored (planning, monitoring and funding of maintenance),	
	SSATP: possibility of regional road maintenance funds could be	
	effectively, notably Zimbabwe	
	Some countries are already managing road maintenance	
	road.	
	which the governments sign before money is released includes a clause confirming that the recipient country will maintain the	

Working groups were formed to discuss infrastructure and governance issues.

Discussions were organized in two thematic work groups:

- Corridor investment: review of donor and IFI activities; regional priorities and within the framework of PIDA-PAP projects and actions
- Governance: network maintenance, monitoring; transport operators, services; overload control; regulatory and institutional reform

Working groups were formed as below.

	WEST AFRICA	CENTRAL AFRICA	EAST AFRICA	SOUTHERN AFRICA
14h30 - 16h15	Corridor investment Room: Caucas 19 Presenter: Stalmans President: Di Stefano	Corridor investment Room: Caucas 17 Presenter: Kettner President: Oliete	<u>Transport governance</u> Room: medium plenary Presenter: Ciccarelli President: Kivumbi/Cabrillo	
Coffee Break				
16h30 - 18h15	Transport governance Room: Caucas 17 Presenter: Stalmans President: Oliete/Di Stefano		Corridor investment Room: Caucas 19 Presenter: Ciccarelli President: Kivumbi	Corridor investment Room: Caucas 21 Presenter: Kettner President: Cabrillo

Friday, 04 October 2013

9.00 Start of proceedings

Energy working group

Lennart Deridder (DEVCO C/5)

Introductory remarks

EC-DEVCO C/5 energy sector focus is on blended finance within ITF: generation and transmission; Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) can assist project analysis and feasibility studies are the most important. Funding instrument needs to consider civil society and private sector.

Subjects for discussion include:

- priority for rural electrification, local connectivity
- issues of local situation, then regional issues
- governance and policy development to accompany investments
- sound energy management as a guarantee for the viability of the energy sector
- how and to what extent private investment can be capitalized

Selection of projects should target reduction of poverty and highest impact on the ground in number of persons connected, private sector/SME implication. Request that EU delegations with clear energy program (e.g. Zambia, Rwanda) present activities, how they have overcome difficulties and exchange lessons, followed by discussion on regional priorities.

Intended outcome: better understanding of ongoing work and initiatives; lessons learned; identification of issues and priorities for DG DEVCO strategy directives

Note: The intention to hold two separate energy working groups (Central and West Africa; East and South Africa) was changed in favor of a plenary discussion on energy policy (regulation; funding instruments), ongoing actions and priorities.

Question	Response	Action
When will the TA facility become available?	Technical assistance facility (TAF) shall be online from beginning	EU Delegations identify actions
	next year (funds already available); in the meantime framework	under TAF
	contracts are available. EU Delegations should already start	
	identifying actions under TAF, within broader strategy, to be	
	discussed with Delegation	
When will bridging facilities be available?	Main breakdowns of bridging facility known, but programmable	
	breakdowns not yet performed;	
	ITF and TAF facilities are available in meantime	

Regional programmes please confirm that	Every good proposal will be considered on its merits; project	
projects can support regional power pools;	maturity will be main element	
PIDA is priority criteria		
In many countries (eg West and Central	Need to move from project-based approach of Energy Facility to	
Africa), transport was priority, rather than	integrated overall development policy incorporating non-	
energy. How do we make the shift?	infrastructure issues (eg for rural electrification: creation of local	
	SMEs, improve utility management) to ensure impact on energy	
	distribution system, user service	
For SE4All, please clarify Barroso pledge: is it	Barroso pledge is provision of sustainable energy services to 500	
number of connections or people accessed?	million people. A specific country analysis of accessibility, need	
	and impact on the ground is required	
Bio gas is coming as renewable energy, avoids	Renewable energy is very important for rural connectivity; each	
high cost of connection to national grid.	project will be considered for TAF support or within next	
Sustainable energy policy must consider	programming cycle.	
assess how to foster renewable energy and		
improve enabling environment for private		
sector participation (e.g. COMESA initiatives)		
We need to recognize that some national	General priorities are renewable energy; rural electrification;	Benchmarking of energy sector
electricity companies are managed correctly	governance of national energy company.	practice (governance, connectivity)
(e.g. Cote d'Ivoire).	Need benchmarking between countries on what is working and	
What are priority criteria for project selection	not (discussion with EU Delegations)	
(e.g. renewable energy, non-functioning		
utility providers)?		
For regional interconnectivity, need to work	Agreed; no desire to duplicate experience (PIDA or Power pools	
with power pools	at regional level)	
Rural electrification policy needs to be		
country-specific		

Development bank comments on energy projects in the pipeline:

ITF: Under 11th EDF, can fund SE4All projects at national level, otherwise only infrastructure projects with regional impact (ie within regional strategy) AfD: projects to be financed via blended instruments should be discussed at early stage with EU delegations; AFD can discuss its pipeline with EU

delegations

- regional interconnectivity projects take longer to materialize (inter-country complexity)
- dam rehabilitation (30-40years old) needs to be considered as well as new dam construction (notably due to environmental constraints)
- on power interconnection, implementation of regional priorities needs national-level discussions with power pools, national authorities for specific power lines (e.g. current inter-connection projects with Kenya, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda)
- sectoral reform needs to accompany infrastructure investment; improved coordination of reform/tariff policy between European donors would be beneficial; EU Technical Assistance Facility (EU TAF) could be mobilized to prepare reform/tariff study for identified projects

KfW: main priorities: geothermal energy; private sector participation in renewable energy; energy efficiency, network loss reduction

Which are the reference priority documents	National projects to be defined with national authorities	EC DEVCO C/5 to prepare energy
for EC?	Regional projects need guidelines from EC DEVCO on selection of	sector guidelines, in consultation
What are criteria for selection, prioritisation	priority projects; power pools will play key role	with EU Delegations
of projects? Will there be a priority list (as	Energy projects could be present under several components of	
transport sector)?	11 th EDF, not only energy sector itself	
Rural electrification: difficulty to access high	Great Lakes project is a good example of regional cooperation	
number of people with single project	which can serve as a model	
Energy sector reform: need training, capacity		
building in specific areas		
Energy efficiency: high loss in COMESA region,		
compared to Egypt (12%)		
Rural development: due to small size,		
problems of low interest from banks, capacity		
issues at EU delegations		
How to approach regional programs? (Great		
Lakes project entailed series of tri-partite		
meetings in Kinshasa, Kigali and Burundi and		
Brussels on basis of SE4All, resulting in		
tentative project list, ongoing TOR		
preparation)		
How to support finance for energy sector,	TA support can be provided by framework contract to assist in	
including use of TA support? (e.g. planned	defining investment strategy, participation of other funding	
energy conference, Burundi)	agencies (donor conference on major projects).	

Commentary, Aboubacar Babamoussa (Director, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission)

We are here to share a global vision; need to recall certain references at the continental level, namely PIDA, EU-Africa partnership. Main issue for energy in Africa is in ensuring regional strategies become national priorities.

	For rural electrification, need to consider	Ne
	problems of worsening utilities financial	sp
	positions in extending an often old,	sh
	dysfunctional distribution network to new	en
	low-paying customer base, and associated	pr
	future management, maintenance problems.	ne
	Utilities need well-paying, large accounts for	Pr
	financial sustainability; we can't only do rural,	cu
	low-paying electrification	Th
	Emphasis should be on cities with higher-	gu
	paying customers before extending to rural	
	projects, which will have more limited impact.	
	Priority must be making energy sector work at	
	national level, ensuring energy companies are	
	efficient.	
ı	Decree leads of marticipation of CENAC or	ī

leed differing approaches in urban/rural areas, based on local pecifics (e.g. grid losses) and dialogue with local authority; cities hould be financially sustainable, focus may rather be support to nergy company rather than network extension, which may be rioritised in rural areas (as limited proportion of total supply etwork).

repaid meters are a good approach even for lower paying ustomers, due to lower collection costs for utilities.

hese issues to be considered for project sustainability in energy uidelines (EC DEVCO C/5, with EU Delegations).

Regret lack of participation of CEMAC or delegations of Congo Brazzaville, CAR for discussion on ongoing regional projects

ITF pipeline is known; additional projects can be developed with funding agencies, through EU Delegations

Conclusions

- 1. Need for improved guidance for steering process from EU DEVCO C/5 to EU Delegations
- 2. Take account of existing programs, initiatives and priorities (PIDA, etc.)
- 3. Need integrated approach to energy sector strategy at regional and national level, including rural electrification, centralized options (critical issue of governance of energy utility)
- 4. Ensure user payments to enable financial sustainability of energy sector for further development as integrated system

Transport working groups - presentations

Working group presidents; Paolo Ciccarelli (HoU DEVCO C/6)

Conclusions of working groups:

On transport corridors:

Regional working groups prepared initial pre-screened project lists per region, on basis of PIDA 2020 corridors. Taking into account the necessity of blending EC grants with public or private loans, these corridors have been discussed and actualized. These are now to be further reviewed with EU Delegations, IFI partners for screening analysis and definition of possible actions for funding pipeline.

On corridor governance:

- Improved corridor knowledge management: infrastructure, traffic, safety, condition, ...
- Corridor maintenance: concessions; axle load control stations (ports, borders, limited internal controls); inventory/mapping of existing weigh stations; harmonization of application of sanctions (proposal for council of transport ministers); management software for control stations
- Encourage single regional transport observatory per region; enlarge mandate for data collection on condition, maintenance, road safety, transit obstacles, ...
- Reflection on common policies across regions: road funds, transport providers, axle load statistics, etc.
- Capacity building programs to RECs; transport/users associations

Closing of the Seminar, by Gary	
Quince (HoD Ethiopia)	

The seminar has provided an intensive week of exchanges; our aim must now be to capitalize through follow-on work to pursue agenda of continental infrastructure in Africa.

The African continent is growing fast, with population forecast to double in next 35 years; if Africa is to create jobs, it will need to increase (about double) investment in infrastructure. It is critical that we work together with AUC, RECs and governments on sector policy and governance and at regional levels to address these challenges. Infrastructure financing is not primarily a problem of available of finance but rather a lack of bankable projects; project preparation and capacity building are critical. Important we work with project preparation facilities, especially most active ones, of which ITF is considered one of best.

Moreover, we have learnt that leveraging can be considered not only in financial terms (grants and loans) but also in terms of hard and soft actions (accompaniment of physical investment with policy and institutional actions). The next six to seven years should see at least a doubling of the level of blended funding, Seminar timing allows programming work for 11th EDF and Pan-African programme to ensure fast start once funds become available. Given EU's financing constraints in the short-term due to need to ratify 11th EDF, we need to use all existing facilities and work closely with other financing institutions. On SE4All, we are conscious of the need to show rapid results.

Thanks for such a wide and active participation from EU, AUC, funding institutions and African organisations. We may look forward to further meetings to carry this important agenda forward.

Closing remarks, by Aboubacar Babamoussa (Director, Infrastructure

AUC has put great emphasis on its presence as well as that of African regional organisations and specialized institutions in order to respect the aims of the EU-Africa Partnership. This is the first time we have had such wide

and Energy, African Union	exchange on infrastructure aspects, rich in exchanges and new friendships.
Commission)	We appreciate the EU initiative for this seminar, which we need to reinforce and make sustainable.
	Despite diversity of Africa, it is united with one objective: elimination of poverty. Our goal is to establish a
	continental coherence between 54 African countries – now is the time to ensure our regional priorities are
	applied at national level.
	It was a pleasure to welcome you in AUC premises in the capital of Africa; extended thanks to moderator, group
	moderators, presenters and the many actors behind the scenes.
12.20 pm Closure of Seminar	

4. PROPOSED ROAD MAP OF FUTURE ACTIONS

N°	Objective	Action	Actors (lead actor(s) in bold)
FUN	DING INSTRUMENTS		
1	Actively seek funding of regional level projects,	Actively involve EU Delegations in project selection for	ITF Sponsors
	following PIDA-PAP orientations	ITF (mandatory visit of ITF project sponsor to EU	ITF Secretariat
		Delegation); develop SYSTEMATIC approach	EU Delegations
		Regional seminars with TA support for:	EU Delegations
		- Project identification/preparation; financial	ITF Secretariat
		engineering, implementation strategies-	EC DEVCO
		national/regional, blending/non-blendable.	AUC; RECs
		- Capacity constraints (RECs; NAOs; specialized agencies;	Funding partners
		private sector)	
		- Funding instruments: blending with regional	
		infrastructure funds; private sector	
2	Target use of blending of grant funds with public	Perform training to EU staff in financial engineering	EC DEVCO
	and private loans, to ensure maximum leverage	Requirement for ITF project sponsor to visit local EU	ITF Secretariat
		delegation.	EU Delegations
		Need clear strategy/visibility for proposal and screening	Steering Committee, EU Africa
		of ITF projects	Infrastructure Partnership
3	Expand coordination and dissemination of activities	Strengthen coordination dialogue about regional	ITF Secretariat
	of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund and other	projects at national level.	EU Delegations
	EU regional funding instruments, notably with	Use regional seminars (refer 1)	EC DEVCO
	funding agencies, RECs		AUC; RECs
			Funding partners

ENE	ENERGY – SE4AII				
4	Accelerate process to start producing deliverables	Note to Heads of Delegation on energy implementation	EC DEVCO C/5		
	for the Sustainable Energy for All programme	process with energy sector GUIDELINES	EU Delegations		
	(SE4AII)	Benchmarking of energy sector practice (governance,			
		connectivity)			
		Identify initial projects for TA preparation	EU Delegations		
		Use regional seminars (refer 1)	RECs		
			National governments		
PRO.	JECT IDENTIFICATION AND PREPARATION				
5	EC support to infrastructure regional programmes,	Continued improvement in business environment to	EU Delegations		
	focusing on strategic infrastructure investments and	encourage loan provision	National governments		
	sector governance reforms	Transport: Apply SSATP governance indicators; include			
		governance indicators in financing agreements.			
6	Pursue identification of priority projects for funding	Transport: follow-up of pre-identified project list,	EC DEVCO		
	in collaboration with AUC, RECs, national	governance priorities. Assess multi-sector transport, in	EU Delegations		
	governments and funding partners by exploring the	line with PIDA	AUC; RECs		
	possibility of establishing project preparation facility	Energy: engage TA consultant; follow-up energy	National governments		
		guidelines for preliminary project list	Funding partners		
		Use regional seminars (refer 1)			
7	Support to an integrated capacity building approach	Consider use of grant funding for TA capacity building	EU Delegations		
	to implementing bodies of the regional programme	Continued political advocacy of AUC	RECs; NAOs		
		Use regional seminars (refer 1)	AUC		
8	Ensure value for money by developing innovative	Negotiate funding conditions on case-by-case basis	EC DEVCO		
	procurement systems for major infrastructure	Review EDF general procedures for design and build	EU Delegations		
	projects	contracts			

5. QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK; SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETING

The forms were collected at the end of the seminar from a total of 74 participants, comprising of 45 EU Delegation staff, 4 HQ staff and 25 others (funding partners, African institutions, EU member states and some that did not indicate their institutions.). Sample rate on total seminar participation of 125 was 59%.

Feedback indicated that the seminar was well appreciated and generally responded to needs and expectations of participants: 70% good/excellent overall assessment, 83% mostly/definitely useful in carrying out work, 90% good/excellent organisation. The following main comments were received, indicating areas of improvement for future events:

Key comments:

- Presentation times were too long: too little time for debate/working groups
- Insufficient guidance/preparation on energy sector

Additional comments:

- Main interest of participants in blending/financial structuring, funding partners
- Promote exchanges/opportunity to meet and discuss between participants good opportunity to discuss with EU Delegation, funding partners like EIB and KfW
- Seek wider participation from government officials, power pool staff, regional institutions.
- Logistics: too long journey time from hotel to venue
- Organization: send agenda earlier to prepare for discussions

These comments confirm the appreciation of the objectives and results of the Continental Seminar for Infrastructure in Africa, notably the active presence of funding partners in discussions and exchanges. The feedback moreover indicates the wide support for further dialogue platforms for policy and programme definition at a continental and regional level.

ANNEX 1: AGENDA

Tuesday, 01 October 2013 – Start External Part with Partners

14.00 Opening of the Seminar

- Opening remarks, by Gary Quince (HoD Ethiopia)
- Opening remarks, by Aboubacar Babamoussa (Director African Union Commission)
- Opening, by Roberto Ridolfi (Director DEVCO C)
- 14.30 PIDA Setting the framework for infrastructure development, by Maurice Niaty-Mouamba (AUC)
- 15.15 Regional Networks and Sector Governance challenges (I), by David Kamara (ECOWAS), Azhari Karim (IGAD), Abu S.E. Dafalla (COMESA)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.15 Regional Networks and Sector Governance challenges (II), debate
- 16.45 Capacity Building to roll out PIDA, by Ralph Olayé (AfDB)
- 17.15 Energy: Implementation the 'Barroso pledge': helping to provide access to energy to 500 million people by 2030, by Georgios Pantoulis and Lennart Deridder (DEVCO C/5)

Wednesday, 02 October 2013

- 09.00 Added value of blending approach, by Céline Maertens (DEVCO C/3)
- 09.45 Project Cycle and Bankability of Infrastructure Projects: by Heike Rüttgers (Director EIB)
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.45 Development Banks approach towards strategic infrastructure development in Africa including PPP, by Ralph Olayé (AfDB), Rima Le Coguic (AFD), Amelie D'Souza (KFW), Alberto Castronovo (Simest)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 African priorities for water and sanitation, by Bai Mass Taal (Executive Secretary AMCOW)
- 15.00 Water Case Study on Lake Victoria, by Giorgio Ficconelli (EUD Uganda)
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.15 Energy case study, by Lennart Deridder (DEVCO C/5)
- 17.00 ICT Case studies on HIPSSA and AfricaConnect, by Vlassios Venner (CNECT D/1)
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Thursday; 03 October 2013

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- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.45 Transport Investment in focus, by John Donovan (TMSA)
- 11.45 Case study on corridor investment: the Great East Road rehabilitation, by Sigvard Bjork (EUD in Zambia)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Transport working groups session I, introduced by DEVCO C/6
- 16.15 Coffee break
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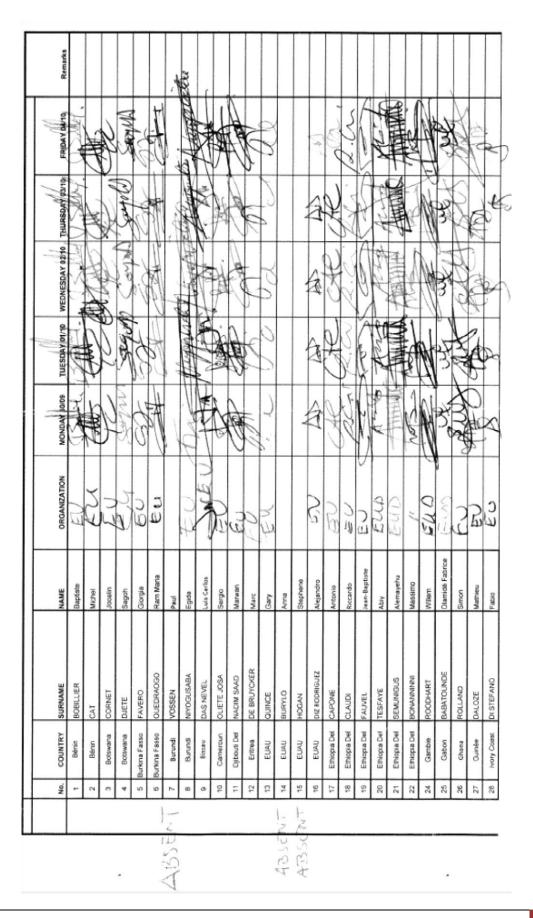
- 09.00 Energy working group, by Lennart Deridder (DEVCO C/5)
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15 Conclusions of Transport working groups, by Fabio Di Stefano (EUD in Ivory Coast), Sergio Oliete (UED in Cameroun), Dorian Kivumbi (UED in Kenya), Alfonso Cabrillo (UED in Mozambique)
- 12.00 Closing Remarks
- 12.20 End of Seminar

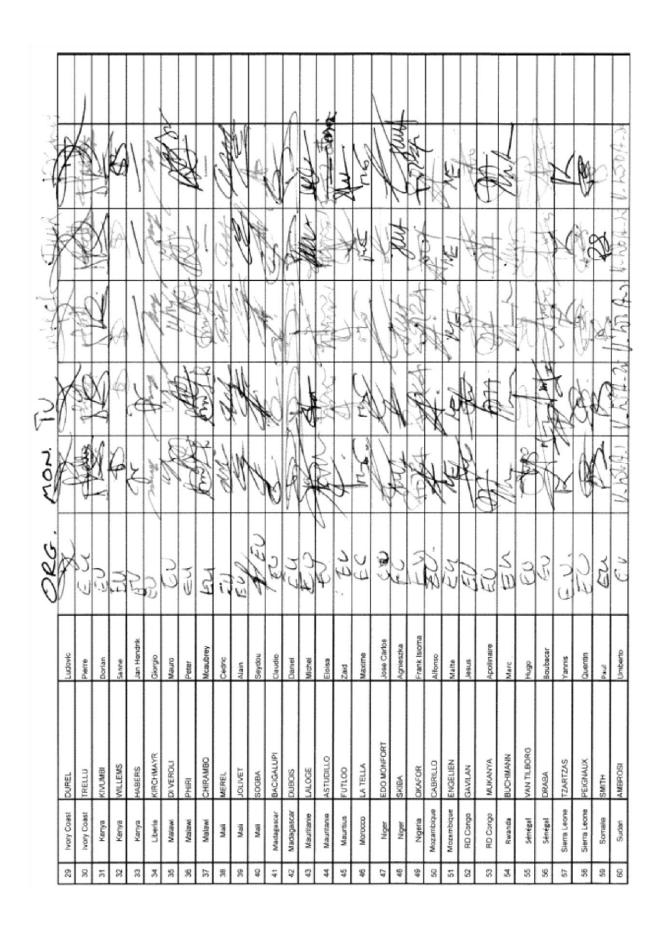
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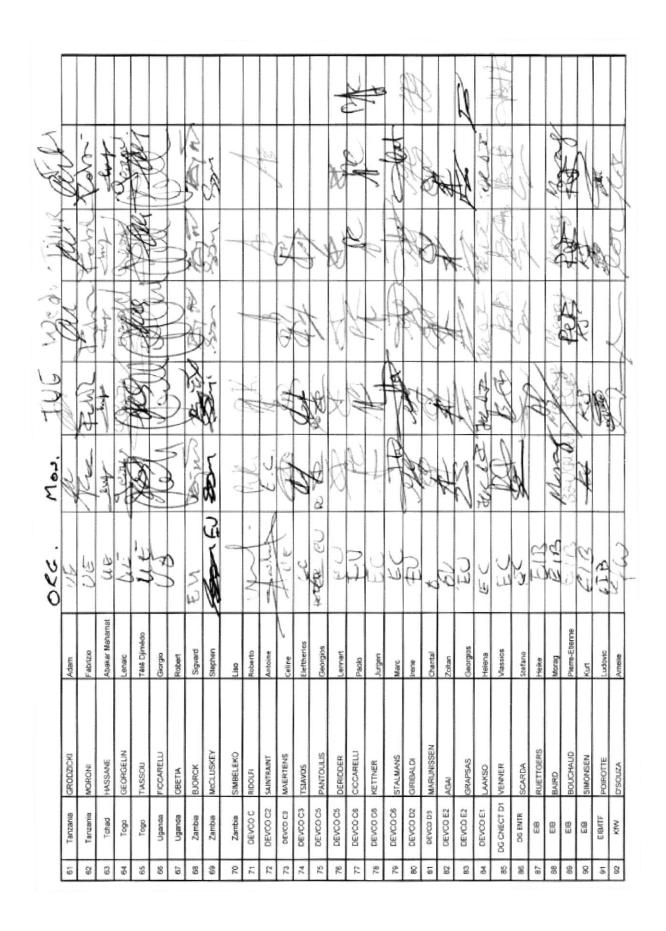
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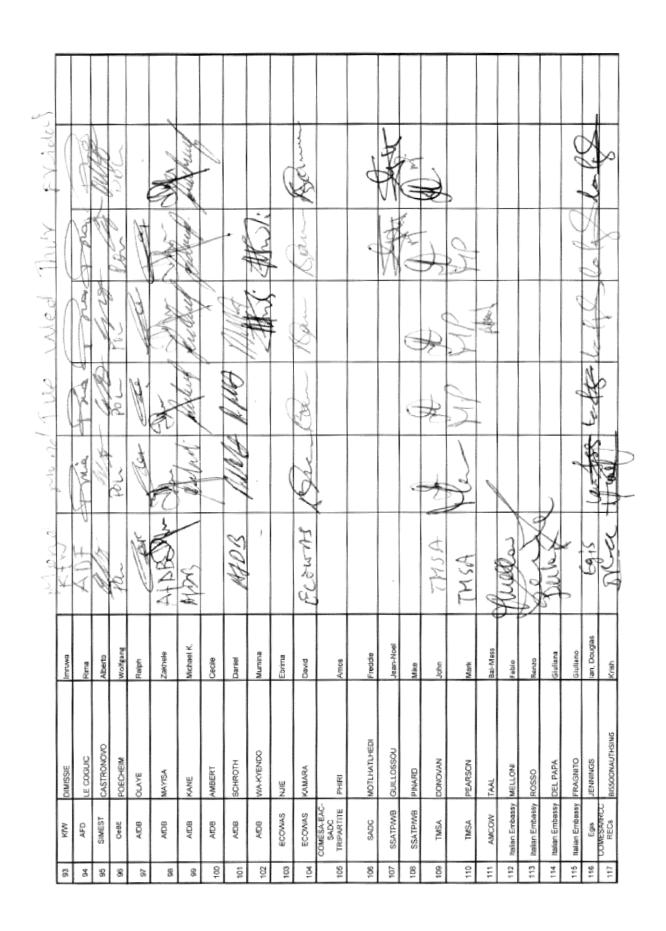
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- European Commission headquarters (DEVCO C, C2, C3, C5, C8, D2, D3, E1, E2; DG CNECT D1, DG ENTR)
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ANNEX 3: PRESENTATIONS

Tuesda	y 01 October PM	
2-1	PIDA Africa's Time for Action: Interconnecting,	Maurice Niaty-Mouamba (AUC)
	Integrating, and Transforming a Continent	
2-2	ECOWAS Regional Networks and Sector	David Kamara, Director –
	Governance Challenges	Transport and Telecoms
2-3	IGAD Regional Transport and ICT Policies	Azhari Karim (IGAD)
2-4	COMESA Priority Investment Plan	Abu S.E. Dafalla, COMESA
		Secretariat
2-5	Capacity Building to Roll out PIDA	Ralph Olaye, AfDB,
Oral	Energy: Implementation the 'Barroso pledge':	Georgios Pantoulis (DEVCO C/5)
	helping to provide access to energy to 500	
	million people by 2030	
	sday 02 October	C(1) - 14 (DE) (CC C(2)
3-1	Added value of blending approach	Céline Maertens (DEVCO C/3)
3-2	Project Cycle and Bankability of Infrastructure	Heike Rüttgers (Director EIB)
	Projects	
3-3	Development Banks approach towards strategic	Ralph Olayé (AfDB)
3-4	infrastructure development	Rima Le Coguic (AFD)
3-5		Amelie D'Souza (KFW)
3-5A		Alberto Castronovo (Simest)
3-6	African priorities for water and sanitation	Bai Mass Taal (Executive
		Secretary AMCOW)
3-7	Water - Case Study on Lake Victoria	Giorgio Ficconelli, Head of EU
		Delegation, Uganda
Oral	Energy – case study	Lennart Deridder (DEVCO C/5)
3-8	ICT – Case Studies on HIPSSA and AfricaConnect	Vlassios Venner (CNECT D/1)
3-9	Space – Case Study on Galileo/EGNOS ; Draft Africa Space Policy	Stefano Scarda (ENTR H/3)
3-10	Draft African Space Policy	Dr. Val Munsami, Chair, AUC
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4-1	Trade facilitation, border posts and axle load control along North-South corridor in Southern Africa	Mark Pearson (TMSA)
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4-6	Transport – Investment in focus	John Donovan (TMSA)
4-7	Case study on corridor investment: the Great East Road rehabilitation	Sigvard Bjork (EUD in Zambia)
4-8	Introduction to the transport working groups under the Transport Side Event	Paolo Ciccarelli (HoU DEVCO C/6)

ANNEX 4: Pre-identified actions (transport sector)

1. Results

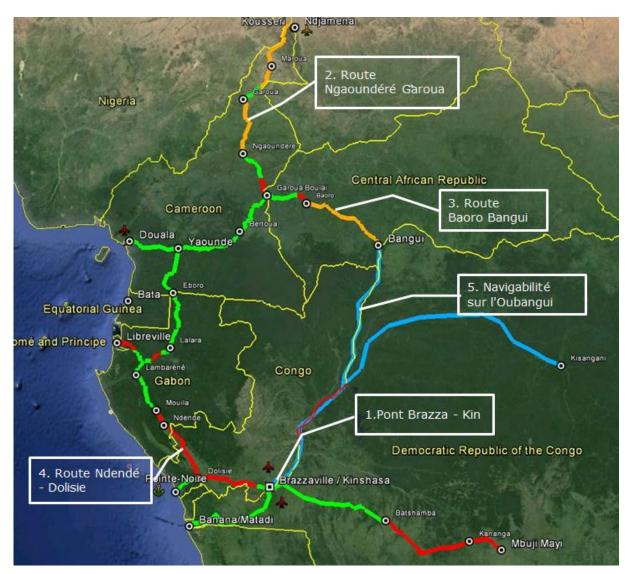
The main results of the working group sessions relating to transport are the following (per region):

EAST AFRICA

N°	Project	Corridor	Length (km)	Nature of intervention	Study availaible	Estimation (m€)	Observation
1	Development of the Berbera Port	Berbera Corridor	N.A.	Purchase tugboat + quay upgrade	Pre-Feasibility	15 Mio€	Limited scope for blending
2	Berbera Corridor	Berbera Corridor	50	Construction - 20 km missing link and Hargeisa bypass	Pre-Feasibility	50 Mio€	Limited scope for blending
3	Kaboika - Rat	Juba Djibouti corridor	150	Construction/rehabi litation missing link	Pre-Feasibility to start	150 Mio€	
4	LaPSETT corridor (section of Kenya South Sudan link)	LaPSETT Corridor	1,000	Construction/rehabi litation	Detailed design	800 Mio€	Financiers interested: EIB, WB, JICA; ADB for Kenya
5	Mwanza-Musoma-Kisumu	EA corridor No3 (Link between Northern & Central corridor)	300	Upgrading	Pre-Feasibility to start for some sections	350 Mio€	WB & ADB expressed interest
6	Mombasa - Nairobi	Northern Corridor	480	Strengthning, upgrading capacity	Pre-Feasibility to start	300 Mio€	Consultatations yet to start
7	Kampala - Jinja	Northern Corridor	80	Upgrading	Detailed design ongoing	350 Mio€	EIB expressed interest
8	Tororo Gulu Nimule Juba	Northern Corridor Spur	200	Strengthning selected sections	Pre-Feasibility to start	200 Mio€	EIB expressed interest
9	Dar port access & bypass	Central Corridor	80	Construction	Pre-Feasibility to start	150 Mio€	WB, JICA; TMEA expressed interest
10	Dar - Isaka - Mwanza	Central Corridor	700	Rail rehabilitation	Feasibility study upto Isaka	400 Mio€	Interest by WB, EIB, JICA
11	Link DRC - Rwanda - Tanzania	Central Corridor	150	Rehabilitation/upgr ading selected sections	Pre-Feasibility to start	150 Mio€	AfDB expressed interest
12	Link Burundi - Tanzania	Central Corridor	120	Construction/rehabi litation	Feasibility	150 Mio€	AfDB expressed interest

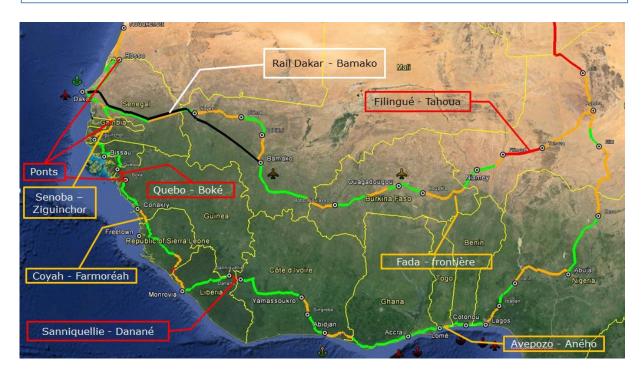
CENTRAL AFRICA

N°	Projet	Corridor	Longueur (km)	l'interventio	Study available	Estimation (m€)	Observations/Bailleurs de fonds potentiels
1	Pont Brazzaville Kinshasa	Pointe-Noire- Kinshasa	1.00	Construction	APD	1,000	Pont. Estimation basée sur APS. 3 alternatives étudiées. La plus coûteuse a été retenue mais avec plus d'impact économique. Complexité politique. Attractive pour le financement privé (prêts non-souverains). Effet multiplicateur pour d'autres « blendings »
2	Amélioration navigabilité sur rivière Oubangui	Corridor fluvial Congo-Oubangui	1,100.00	Upgrading	Aucune	NA	Problème de navigabilité saisonnière du a des seuils rocheux. Etude identification/APS lancée par la BAD. Montage entre 3 pays
3	Camrail (Renouvellement de la voie entre Dibamba et Yaoundé)	Douala – Yaoundé - Ndjamena - Bangui	233.00	Upgrading	APS	85 (2012)	BM - AFD Bancabilité à déterminer
4	Camrail (Construction de la nouvelle ligne Port de Kribi - Edea)	Kribi – Yaoundé - Ndjamena - Bangui	136.00	Construction	APS	460 (hors tunnel)	BM - AFD
5	By-pass centres urbains importants sur corridors	Douala – Yaoundé - Ndjamena - Bangui		Construction	Aucune	NA	AFD finance avec ITF 20 km de la sortie Ouest de Douala et étudie projet de l'accès Est de Yaoundé. 2ème pont sur le Wouri ?. Potentialité pour programmes d'aménagement urbain intégrés.Emprise ferroviaire Yaoundé?



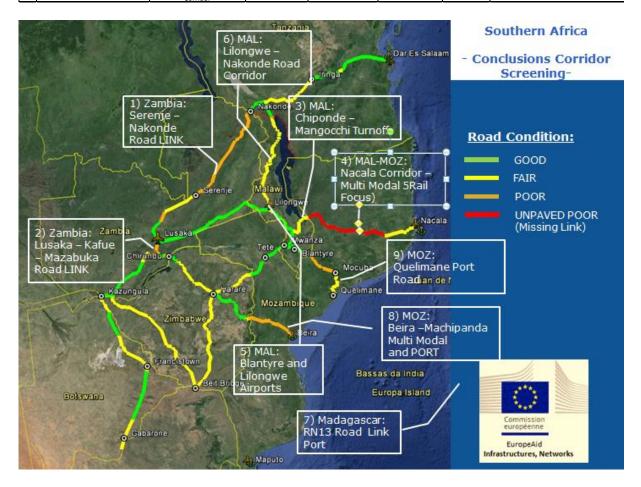
WEST AFRICA

N°	Projet	Corridor	Longueur (km)	Nature de l'intervention	Etude disponible	Estimation (m€)	Partenair es
1	Ponts: Rosso - Gambie - Cogon	Cotière	0.80 - 1.00 - 0.245	Construction	APD	40 - 100 - 15	BAD (Rosso/Ga mbie)
2	Senoba - Ziguinchor (Sénégal)	Cotière	149.00	Réhabilitation	APD	75.00	BAD
3	Quebo (Bissau) - Boké (Guinée)	Cotière	107.00	Construction	Aucune	80.00	BAD
4	Coyah - Farmoréah (Guinée)	Cotière	75.00	Réhabilitation	DAO	35.00	JICA (ouvrages)
5	Sanniquelle (Libéria) - Danané (CdI)	Cotière	77.00	Construction	Aucune	50.00	
6	Avepozo - Aného (Togo)	Cotière	27.90	Réhabilitation	APD	15.00	BAD
7	Train Bamako - Dakar	Ouest-Est	1,249.00	Réhabilitation	DAO	40.00	WB/BAD/A FD
8	Fada (BF) - frontière Niger	Ouest-Est	150.00	Réhabilitation		100.00	
9	Filingué - Tahoua (Niger)	Ouest-Est	284.00	Construction		150.00	BOAD/BID C ?
10	Train Abidjan - Ouagadougou	Nord-Sud	1,300.00	Réhabilitation			



SOUTHERN AFRICA

N°	Project	Corridor	Length (km)	Nature of intervention	Study availaible	Estimation (m€)	Observation
1	Zambia: Serenje - Nakonde Road Link	Dar Es Salaam Corridor	604	Rehabilitation	Final Design	600.00	Final design & tender documents ready PIDA and COMESA Priority DBSA and WB interest Equivalent setup to Great Eastern Road ITF project Blending Potential
2	Zambia: Kafue - Monze Road	Dar Es Salaam - Gabarone Corridor	120.1	Rehabilitation	2011 Design	70.00	Rapid deterioration reaching design life, complementary to EDF9 and 10 focal corridors Blending Potential Innovative Maintenance Scheme Required
3	MAL: Chiponde - Mangocchi Turnoff	Nacala Corridor	150	Rehabilitation	AfDB appraisal 2013		Potential for blerding
4	MAL: Rail Mchinji - Nkaja	North-South Corridor		Rehabilitation	feasibility underway		GOM in negotiation with Chinese, to be followed if succesful in complementarity to Nacala Corridor
5	MAL: Blantyre and Lilongwe Airports			Rehabilitation/Upgr ade		21.00	In negotiation with EIB for 50% funding for phase 1, remainder of funds to be secured, potential for blending
6	Malawi Roads - M10	Dar - Beit Bridge		Rehabilitation for 2 stretches, 210 km	prefeasibility done		
7	Madagascar Road Link RN13 Bacicalupi Corridor	Main road connecting to port	130.00	Rehabilitation/Upgr ade	Appraisal done	80.00	Island project of regional character, Potential for blending Government request
8	MOZ: Beira - Machipanda	ZAM-ZIM-MOZ: Beira Multimodal corridor and Port	285.00	Rehabilitation	Design 2010		Potential for blending test case for PPP presently GOM negotiation with Chinese
9	MOZ: Quelimane Port Road	Quelimane Blantyre Sub- Corridor	40.00	Rehabilitation			



2. Way Froward

The objective of the exercise is to be ready with identified suitable projects as soon as 11th EDF PIR would be available.

In order to push further the exercise, it is proposed to proceed at 3 different levels:

- 1- On basis of WG discussions, actualise corridors sheets by adding information on corridors/stretches that were not foreseen or were inaccurate before Addis;
- 2- Further enquire on selected transport stretches by approaching other donors and/or Government in order to collect (i) existing studies and (ii) economic/financial data;
- 3- If needed, start discussion about potential budget at regional/national level (10th EDF TCF) to finance TA to screen preselected projects (2/3 months mission to collect info, discuss with partners, establish a pre-identified short-list of suitable projects and identify step forward for identification).

ANNEX 5: PHOTOS



Working groups







Energy sector working group





Closing session





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ANNEX 6: EU COMMUNIQUE



CONTINENTAL SEMINAR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA (CSIA) **COMMUNIQUE**

Addis Ababa, 04 October 2013

- 10. The Continental Seminar for Infrastructure in Africa was hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union at the AUC Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1st to 4th October 2013. The meeting which took place under the auspices of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership was chaired by the Head of Delegation of the European Union to the African Union, Amb. Gary Quince, and the Director of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission, Mr. Aboubakari Baba-Moussa. The members of the European Commission headquarters, EU Delegations throughout Africa, bilateral and multilateral financing institutions, AUC, RECs and specialized sector organisations attended the meeting, comprising 125 participants. The list of participants is annexed to this communiqué.
- 11. The seminar was convened by the European Union with the objective of exchanging views, information and experience for development of regional infrastructure in the energy, transport, water and ICT sectors. The seminar also aimed at the pre-identification of regional and continental programmes to match EU policies with African needs and priorities.
- 12. The seminar provided the EU and AU with the opportunity to brief the participants on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and PIDA Priority Action Plan (PAP) programme, the priority programmes of the regional economic communities, the blending facilities of the Infrastructure Trust Fund, the approach and programmes of key development banks, sector case studies and lessons learnt analysis and transport sector governance and corridor management.
- 13. The seminar comprised plenary sessions with active discussion on initiatives and constraints for regional infrastructure development. Lively debate allowed full discussion and analysis of development policies on the EU and AU side and latest initiatives for project preparation and funding, implementation and sector governance. Working groups were then held in the transport and energy sectors to discuss infrastructure investment and related governance issues. These groups allowed an open exchange on regional strategies and priorities, funding possibilities and pre-identification of policies and actions, notably for blended finance.

- 14. The seminar's participants had a thorough exchange of views on the different aspects of infrastructure development and on ways and means to ensure earliest implementation of regional priority programmes. In this context, actions and initiatives were defined to actively pursue the preparation and funding of regional infrastructure in Africa, in partnership with African stakeholders.
- 15. The European Union institutions confirmed their commitment to these objectives through the following actions and initiatives:
 - Actively seek **funding** of regional level projects, following PIDA-PAP orientations
 - Target use of blending of grant funds with public and private loans, to ensure maximum leverage
 - Accelerate process to start producing deliverables for the Sustainable Energy for All programme (SE4All)
 - Ensure value for money by developing innovative procurement systems for major infrastructure projects
 - Pursue identification of priority projects for funding in collaboration with AUC, RECs, national governments and funding partners by exploring the possibility of establishing project preparation facility
 - Expand coordination and dissemination of activities of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund and other EU regional funding instruments, notably with funding agencies, RECs
 - Support to an integrated capacity building approach to implementing bodies of the regional programme
 - EC support to infrastructure regional programmes, focusing on strategic infrastructure investments and sector governance reforms
- 16. The African Union confirmed their commitment to their key role of political advocacy in pursing the infrastructure development on the continent through the PIDA programme.
- 17. The seminar stressed the importance of a coordinated approach to development, between continental and regional actors, development partners and funding banks and the need for increased cooperation for more integrated and effective preparation and funding of regional infrastructure.
- 18. Finally, the seminar enabled preliminary discussions in preparation for the forthcoming EU-Africa Summit in April 2014 and associated revision of the Joint Africa-Europe Strategy for Infrastructure and Energy.

List of participants

- European Union Delegations in Africa: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Cameroon, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Mozambique, DR Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia
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ANNEX 7: QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

The forms were collected at the end of the seminar from a total of 74 participants, comprising of 45 EU Delegation staff, 4 HQ staff and 25 Others (funding partners, African institutions, EU member states and some that did not indicate their institutions.)

Sample rate on total seminar participation of 125 was 59%.

GENERAL:

1) What is your overall assessment of the event? (1 = insufficient - 5= excellent)

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total	%
EU Del		2	17	22	4	45	61%
EC HQ			1	3		4	5%
Others		2	7	14	2	25	34%
Total		4	25	39	6	74	100%
%		5.4%	33.7%	52.7%	8.1%	100%	

2) Did the seminar achieve its objectives?

	Yes	Partly	No	Total
EU Del	19	25	1	45
EC HQ	1	3		4
Others	12	12	1	25
Total	32	40	2	74
%	43%	54%	3%	100%

If no/partly,why?

Almost all of the comment indicating dissatisfaction was with regard to the lack of preparation and guidance on energy sector, the imbalance between the plenary discussion and smaller working groups which most felt would have allowed in depth discussion which was not achieved. There was also a lot of comment regarding the presentations being too long.

3) Knowledge and information gained from participation at this seminar (did it meet your expectations)?

	Yes	Partly	No	Total
EU Del	22	22	1	45
EC HQ	2	2		4
Others	15	9	1	25
Total	39	33	2	74
%	53%	44%	3%	100%

Will it be useful/applicable in the carrying out of your work?

	Definitely	Mostly	Marginally	Not at All	Total
EU Del	12	23	9	1	45
EC HQ	2	2			4
Others	10	12	3		25
Total	24	37	12	1	74
%	32%	50%	16%	1%	100%

4) Was the timing and schedule of the seminar convenient?

	Yes	No	Total
EU Del	36	9	45
EC HQ	2	2	4
Others	19	6	25
Total	57	17	74
%	77%	23%	100%

If not, what would you suggest?

EU Delegation: too short a time between instruction about energy and the date of the seminar, too long distance between hotel and meeting place, etc

EC HQ: presentations were too long.

Others: not enough time to discuss in groups, schedule of subjects not fairly divided because there were 1.5 days for transport and 2 hours for energy, not enough time to discuss the agendas where were all very complex, not enough time given for discussion between groups

5) Please comment on the organization of the event (from 1 = insufficient to 5= excellent)

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU Del		2	2	21	20	45
EC HQ				4		4
Others			3	13	9	25
Total		2	5	38	29	74
%		3%	7%	51%	39%	100%

6) Please comment on the facilities used for the event (from 1 = insufficient to 5= excellent)

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU Del		2	3	15	25	45
EC HQ				3	1	4
Others			1	10	14	25
Total		2	4	28	40	74
%		3%	5%	38%	54%	100%

OPEN SESSION

7) Please rate the knowledgeable of presenters in the areas they addressed (from 1 = insufficient to 5 = excellent)

		1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU	Del	1		6	30	8	45

EC HQ		1	2	1	4
Others		1	16	8	25
Total	1	8	48	17	74
%	1%	11%	65%	23%	100%

8) Please rate the clarity of responses of presenters to questions (from 1 = insufficient to 5= excellent)

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU Del		1	10	30	4	45
EC HQ			1	2	1	4
Others			3	17	5	25
Total		1	14	49	10	74
%		1%	19%	66%	14%	100%

9) Which topics or aspects of the presentations did you find most interesting or useful?

- Most EU Delegation Staff indicated that they found the presentations on blending, case studies and financing most interesting.
- HQ Transport working group, Financing partners' presentations
- Others Mostly indicated blending, case studies and presentations from financing institutions interesting.

10) Please rate the adequacy of balance between the time allotted for debates and the time allotted for presentations?

	Yes	No	Total
EU Del	31	14	45
EC HQ	1	3	4
Others	17	8	25
Total	49	25	74
%	66.2%	33.7%	100%

Almost all the comment stated was that the presentations were too long while the time allotted for debates was too short.

11) What areas or content do you think were missing or should have been included to make the presentations and the seminar more useful to you?

EU Delegation: most participants indicated the lack of information or guidance on energy and EUHQ's priorities on energy.

EC HQ: No comments

Others: lack of information and guidance on energy, inclusion of government partners in discussions and suggestion that next time the agenda be sent earlier so that participants can get more prepared for discussions.

WORKING GROUPS:

12) Did you find the Working Group Sessions of Thursday afternoon and Friday useful? (from 1 = **insufficient to 5= excellent)**

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU Del	1	7	8	15	14	45
EC HQ			2		2	4
Others		3	4	13	5	25
Total	1	10	14	28	21	74
%	1%	14%	19%	38%	28%	100%

13) Was the organization of the group (mixture of participants) relevant to the discussions and the purpose of the group? (from 1 = insufficient to 5= excellent)

	1point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Total
EU Del		3	6	26	10	45
EC HQ			1		3	4
Others		1	5	12	7	25
Total		4	12	38	20	74
%		6%	16%	51%	27%	100%

14) Was the time allotted to group discussions enough?

	Yes	No	Total
EU Del	17	28	45
EC HQ	1	3	4
Others	10	15	25
Total	28	46	74
%	38%	62%	100%

15) Please rate the adequacy of balance between the time allotted for debates and the time allotted for presentations?

	Yes	No	Total
EU Del	35	10	45
EC HQ	3	1	4
Others	16	9	25
Total	54	20	74
%	73%	27%	100%

If no, please clarify

Most of the comment was that the debate time was squeezed as opposed to presentation times.

16) Do you have any suggestions that could have improved the sessions?

EU Delegation: The Energy sector was not well prepared and it should have been given guidance and structure from HQ. More time should have been given to group discussions and less time to presentations (identical and too long presentations were a waste of time).

EC HQ: Balance between presentations and debates to be improved.

Others: Suggested more structure and guidance required for the Energy Sector, To control and limit time for presentation and give more time to dialogue and small group discussions, Agenda to be shared early on to allow participants to prepare and invite other stakeholders such as government officials and power pool staff, regional institutions etc....

17) General comments and suggestions (including activities or initiatives you think would be useful, for the future)

EU Delegation: Indicated that it would have been very useful to have opportunity to meet and discuss with other colleagues, good to hear from other partners like EIB and KfW which delegation staff don't get to meet often. Also suggested that, next time, more time be given for smaller group discussions and less for the plenary.

EC HQ: Good opportunity to meet delegation staff and excellent logistical organisation.

Others: Suggested that next time, conference facilities should be closer to the hotel to use the time more efficiently